

Application No.: 09/727,855
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the Drawing (Figure 1) with the substitute Drawing attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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REMARKS

The undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the Interview, during which the Examiner requested that we make the amendment set forth above to replace the Drawing as originally filed with a substitute Drawing.

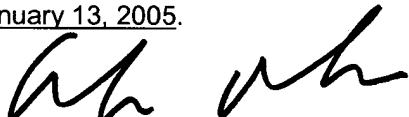
The Drawing (Figure 1) has been replaced with a substitute Drawing attached hereto as Exhibit A. The replacement Drawing includes a clearer reproduction of the polyacrylamide gel depicted therein and removes certain descriptive text that is redundant with the Brief Description of the Drawing at ¶ [0017] of the specification. An annotated version of the drawing, indicating the redundant text removed, is attached hereto as Exhibit B. See, 37 CFR §1.121 and MPEP §608.02(p). It is believed that the substitute Drawing is in compliance with the requirements set forth in 37 CFR §1.84 *et seq.*

It is submitted that entry of the substitute Drawings does not introduce new matter. See 37 CFR §1.121(f). Moreover, it is submitted that no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office is required to enter the amendment. Thus, entry of the amendment is appropriate. See, 37 CFR §1.312(a) and MPEP §714.16.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of the amendment, respectfully, is requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,

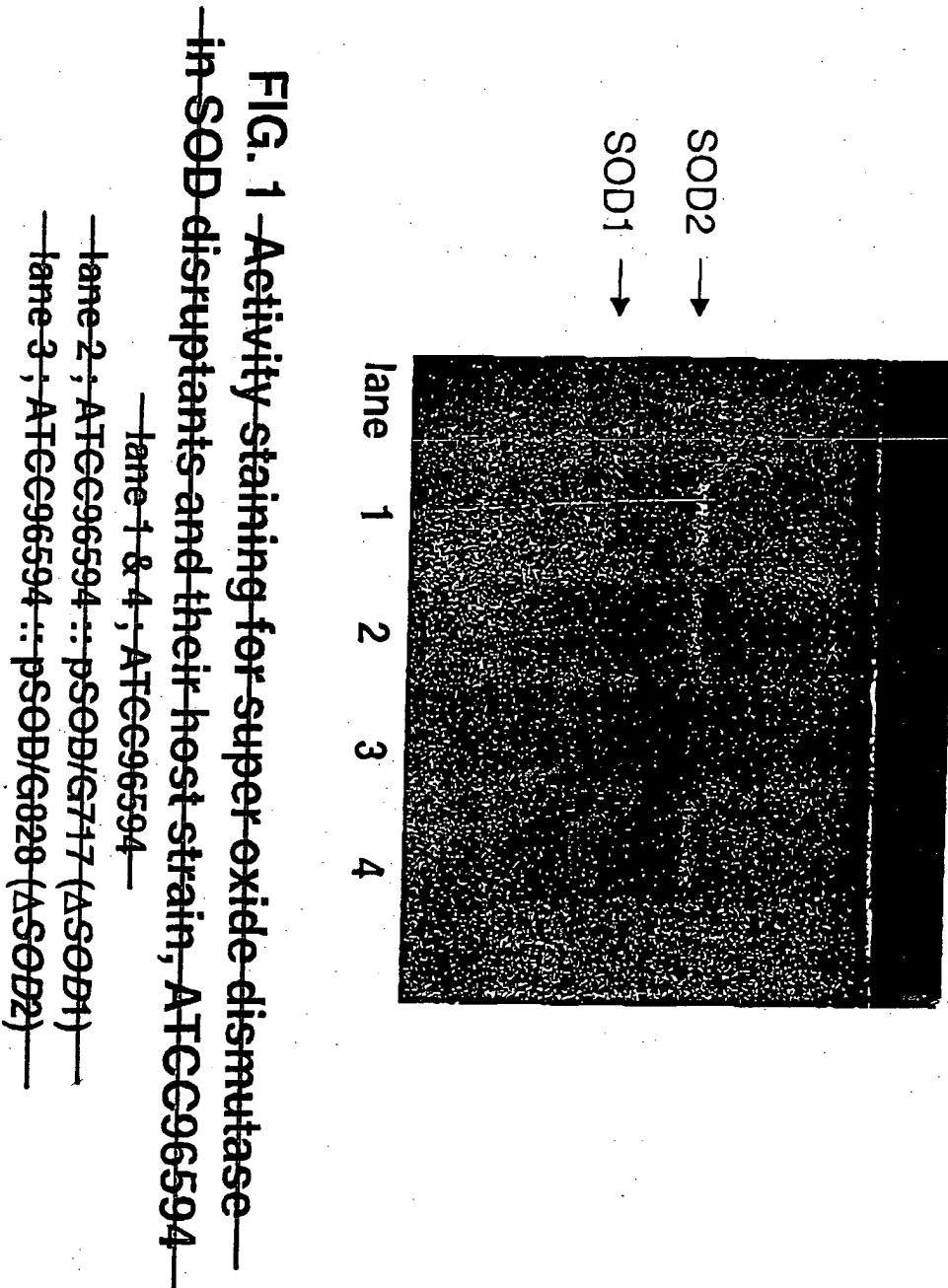
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ANNOTATED MARKED-UP DRAWING

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